

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) Method to make a splice in a laid rope construction containing at least two strands comprising the steps of: a) splitting one end of a first rope end in a first and a second part comprising respectively a first and a second number of strands, the first number of strands being at most one more than the second number of strands; b) tucking the first part from one side into an opening in a second rope, such that the opening has a first number of strands of the second rope on one side and a second number of strands on the other side, the first and second number differing at most by one; c) tucking the second part from the other side into the opening in the second rope; d) repeating steps b) and c) at least 3, respectively at least 3+1 times, whereby the respective openings in the second rope are separated such that the first and the second part have crossed over at least all the strands of the second rope once and the first and second part leave the second rope at respective last openings.

2. (original) Method according to claim 1, wherein the laid rope construction contains at least three strands.

3. (currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further comprising the steps of: e) cutting a complete strand from the first and the second part where they leave the last opening; repeating steps b) and c) at least 3 times; g) repeating steps e) and f) until the last strand is cut off.

4. (currently amended) Spliced rope construction obtainable by the method of ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1.

5. (original) Spliced rope construction of claim 4, containing an eye splice, and/or an end- for-end splice.

6. (original) Spliced rope construction of claim 4, being a grommet, a hawser, a round sling or an endless rope.